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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner for a one month extension of time for responding to the Office Action dated December 14, 2001, extending the statutory period of response from March 14, 2002 to April 14, 2002.

Our check in the amount of \$920 to cover the fee for the three month extension of time is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the \$110 extension fee to Deposit Account 50-1901. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional filing fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1901. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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